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SUBJ: MEXICAN REACTION TO OAS HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION
REPORT ON CHILE.

REF: SANTIAGO 7401

1. THE COMMISSION'S REPORT CONDEMNING THE CURRENT CHILEAN GOVERNMENT FOR VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS RECEIVED PROMINENT MEXICAN PRESS COVERAGE DEC 5 AND WAS THE SUBJECT OF SEVERAL EDITORIALS AND COLUMNS DEC. 6.

2. EDITORIAL COMMENT UNANIMOUSLY APPLAUDED THE COMMISSION'S REPORT AND ADOPTED A WE-TOLD-YOU-SO-ALL-ALONG ATTITUDE. INFLUENTIAL LEFTIST EXCELSIOR SAID THE REPORT IS ANOTHER ARGUMENT WHICH CAN BE USED IN SUPPORT OF THE GOM'S BREAKING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS. SEMI-OFFICIAL NACIONAL, IN AN EDITORIAL TITLED "UNIVERSAL REPUDIATION OF THE CHILEAN JUNTA", STRESSED THAT THE OAS REPORT WAS ONLY ONE OF SEVERAL DOCUMENTS AND ACTIONS CONDEMNING THE GOC AND SPECIFICALLY CITED BOTH A SIMILAR REPORT BY THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF JURISTS IN GENEVA AND THE US SENATE DECISION TO DELETE THE PROVISIONS FOR MILITARY AID TO CHILE FROM THE CURRENT FOREIGN AID BILL. EVEN RIGHT-OF-CENTER EL SOL DEVOTED ITS LEAD EDITORIA TO PRAISING THE INTEGRITY

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OF THE OAS COMMISSION AND CALLED ITS REPORT "A VERY WELL

FOUNDED JUDGMENT". IN ITS SECOND EDITORIAL, EL SOL
ALSO CITED THE SENATE DECISION, QUOTED SEN. KENNEDY
EXTENSIVELY, AND CONCLUDED THAT "THE SUSPENSION OF
MILITARY AID PROVES, AT LEAST, THAT THEY CANNOT CONTINUE
VIOLATING HUMAN RIGHTS WITH IMPUNITY."
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